THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Eleven Schemes aggregating to Rs. 314.928 lakhs for improvement and development of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh have been approved during 1992-93 upto 12th March, 1993. Out of these, three are for culvers, three for hard shoulders, one for Road Over Bridge, one for land acquisition and three for works of miscellaneous nature.

(b) The details of proposals for 1993-94 will be known only after the Demands for Grants for 1993-94 are voted by Parliament.

(c) and (d) Three sites along National Highways in Andhra Pradesh Pradesh have been identified for setting up of passenger-oriented wayside amenities. Of these, the two located at Palamaner on N.H. No. 4 and Zaheerabad on N.H. No. 9 are under the Government sponsored scheme while the third located at Km. 82 of Hyderabad-Vijaywada Section on N. H. No. 9 is under the private sector sponsored scheme.

Viability of State Roadways Transport Undertakings

2883. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of State Roadways Transport Undertakings (SRTUs) operating in the country at present;

(b) how many of these are earning profit;

(c) the cumulative loss of loss making SRTUs;

(d) the reasons for huge losses and the steps taken to make these undertakings economically viable;

(e) whether there is any proposal to privatise SRTUs; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There are 21 State Road Transport Undertakings registered under the RTC Act.

(b) During the year 1991-92, three SRTCs earned profit.

(c) As on 31-3-1992 the cumulative losses of SRTUs has been Rs. 3339.38 crores.

(d) The main reasons for the losses are:—

1. Uneconomic fare structure due to SRTUs inability to obtain timely revisions based on the rising input cost;
2. Concessions given to various sections of the society such as students, the handicapped persons, freedom fighters; journalists as so on.
3. Operation of late-night, early morning services in the urban areas and to remote villages in the rural areas.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Check posts and Railway crossing in the Country

2884. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent study has revealed that there are over 5000 check posts and 41000 railway crossings in the country where vehicles have to stop very frequently for one reason or the other;

(b) whether any study has also revealed that 15 per cent of the total fuel consumed by all types of automobiles is being wasted at these check posts and railway crossings;

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to reduce the number of check posts and railway crossings in the country to save petroleum products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Deployment of conductors in Redline Whiteline buses by DTC

2885. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some conductors of DTC have been deployed on Redline/Whiteline buses running under STA in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of such DTC conductors who have been allowed to work on Redline/Whiteline buses; what are the norms and conditions for such deployment; whether any scope is being created in DTC or outside to provide appointments to the trained conductors who are awaiting for their appointment since 1986 after completing their all pre-appointment formalities;

(c) if not, what is the outcome of the decision circulated under Dy. Manager (Personnel), DTC, I.P. Estate, New Delhi letter No. P(i) III (Cond.)/92/5796 dated 6th November, 1992; and

(d) the reasons due to which the 500 trained conductors belonging to SC/ST who are awaiting for their appointments cannot be deployed on Redline Whiteline STA permit buses like surplus Conductors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) 122 surplus Conductors of Delhi Transport Corporation have been deputed to STA for assisting the STA in controlling the operation Redline/Whiteline buses. These conductors will continue to remain on the strength of DTC and will draw their salaries from DTC. There is no proposal to appoint trained Conductors who are awaiting the appointments in DTC or outside as DTC have surplus Conductors.

उत्तर प्रदेश में राजमार्गों का विकास

2886. श्री आनन्द प्रकाश गौतम : क्या जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कतिपय राजमार्गों को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग घोषित किए जाने का उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार का कोई प्रस्ताव भारत सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त राजमार्गों की किलोमीटर में लंबाई कितनी है और ऐसे राज्यमार्गों की संख्या कितनी है ,

(ग) कब तक इन राजमार्गों को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों में परिवर्तित कर दिया जाएगा, और

(घ) इन राजमार्गों के रख-रखाव पर केन्द्रीय सरकार पर कितना वित्तीय बोझ पड़ेगा ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : जी नहीं ,

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Rent-A-Cab Scheme

2887. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to restart 'rent-a-cab scheme' aimed at promoting private taxes for tourists in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme; and

(c) by when the plan is likely to be materialised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Rent-a-Cab Scheme in terms of Notification No. S. O. 437(E) dated 12th June, 1989, has never been withdrawn.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.